

City Council Members

Marie Middleton
Philip Loving
Arthur Fuhrmann
Gregory Norman
Johnnie Tauber

The City of Liverpool
Regular City Council Meeting Minutes
8901 CR 171, Liverpool, TX
February 3, 2026, AT 6:30 PM
Mayor, Lowell Matheny

Hours of Operation
Mon-Thurs 8:00am – 5:00pm
Friday 8:00am – Noon
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CALL TO ORDER- Mayor Lowell Matheny called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE-

- Invocation was rendered by Council Member Johnnie Tauber
- Pledge of Allegiance and the Allegiance to the Texas flag was led by Johnnie Tauber

ROLL CALL- Catherine Long called attendance.

-All Council Members were present.

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE -

City Secretary, Catherine Long; Police Chief, Christopher Enloe; City Clerk, Kim Calhoun, Water Plant Operator, Evan Kurpatrick and Emergency Manager Brandon Middleton

UNSCHEDULED VISITORS & COMMENTS -

-None

CLOSED MEETING/EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City Council of the City of Liverpool, Texas, reserves the right to meet in a closed council session on any of the below items should the need arise and if applicable pursuant to authorization by Title 5, Chapter 551, of the Texas Government Code.

-No executive Session.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

The City Council for the City of Liverpool, Texas will hold a public hearing on November 4, 2025, at 6:30 PM in the City Council Chambers at 8901 County Road 171, Liverpool, Texas to receive evidence and take action regarding the following substandard dangerous buildings, and order said buildings to be repaired, secured, and/or demolished:

Buildings on the above properties are structural, unsound and present a danger to the general public. Any property owner, lien holder, mortgage, or other person with an interest in the above property will be required to submit proof of the scope of necessary work and estimated timeframe to bring the above into compliance.

-None

REGULAR AGENDA

NEW BUSINESS – Discussion and Possible Action may be taken on the following:

- a. Building Inspector introduction and approval. 2 candidates, Kendelle Wells and Christian Jorsch.

Kendelle Wells presented her resume to Council and told Council about herself and her qualifications. She stated that she lives in Liverpool. Mr. Jorsch presented council with a resume and told Council about himself and his qualifications. He stated that he lives in Pearland. Once Council asked a few questions, Mayor Matheny informed Ms. Wells and Mr. Jorsch that the City Secretary would reach out to them and let them know the outcome. Once both Ms. Wells and Mr. Jorsch left, Council discussed which one they thought would be a better fit for the City. Emergency Manager, Brandon Middleton pointed out that Ms. Wells has storm damage and windstorm knowledge and that it would be helpful.

-Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to hire Kendelle Wells on a part-time basis to begin with and then full time as the Cities Building Inspector.

-2nd by Council Member Gregory Norman

-All Approved

- b. Fence Bids for the City Property beside the water plant

Mayor Matheny stated that everyone should have gotten the bids for the fence. Council Member Marie Middleton stated that she thought that the job should be awarded to Haynes Construction, because he does good work, and that he has helped the city out before on a few things free of charge. Council Member Johnnie Tauber stated that he did not agree. Mayor Matheny explained where the fence would go and what the footage would be.

-Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to award the job to Haynes Construction.

-2nd by Council Member Phillip Loving

-Apposed by Council Member Johnnie Tauber

-In favor of by Council Member Arthur Furhrmann

-Abstained by Council Member Gregory Norman

-Motion Passes by vote of 3 to 1 with 1 abstained.

- c. Proposed purchase of property (1.6 acres) located on CR 171, right outside city limits (executive session).

No discussion in regular session. See below.

- d. Purchasing property for City facility growth.

Moved to executive session. No discussion See below.

- e. Proposal for Evan Kirpatrick (Water Plant Operator), to move base office to Liverpool.

Evan stated that right now Liverpool has a skeleton crew, which means that he has an employee come out once a day to check the plant. If he moves his office here the City will have a water person on site 5 days a week, 8 hours a day, and a secretary. His employees will take over everything except billing. He stated that his cost would start out at \$7500.00, and then he would rent a building from the City for \$1500.00, which would bring his bill down to \$6000.00. And when he gets a new client in this area, he will knock off some of the bill for the City to help get the cost down some. He stated that he is excited to make this move and he wants to work here. Council Member Marie Middleton stated that she felt it was a good idea. That the first day Evan was hired, the city had a major water break on CR 192 at 10 PM and Evan drove out to take care of it, in the fog. She stated that Evan would be a good asset to have full time. City Secretary, Catherine Long, stated that Evan has worked really hard to get the water plant fixed and all the issues it was having repaired.

-Motion was made by Council Member Marie Middleton to contract with Evan Kirpatrick for full time water plant management.

-2nd by Council Member Gregory Norman

-All Approved

- f. CPR training for staff.

Mayor Matheny stated that the City would hold CPR training on February 25, 2026 from 8 AM to 12 PM. The City would pay for City Employees. And that if anyone outside of the staff wanted to attend the training, they would have to pay the \$55 themselves.

-No action was taken

OLD BUSINESS –Discussion and possible action may be taken on the following items:

- a. Proposal to put rock on the property beside the garage and water plant.

Mayor Matheny stated that he had a bid from Santa Fe Sunrise Construction Co. LLC. The bid is for \$26,590.00. That is to put down a mat, the material and to spread it. He went on to state that Brandon Middleton is going to try and get material from Brazoria County, and if he can get it it would save the City about \$6,000.00. Council Member Marie Middleton asked why there was only 1 bid. Mayor Matheny stated that he tried to get more than 1 bid, but that everyone stated the job was too small and was not interested. Council Member Gregory Norman asked if there was a posting in the newspaper about the bid. Mayor Matheny stated that the City did not do procurement for bids. Council

Member Gregory Norman stated that he feels it should go back out for bids. Council Member Marie Middleton stated that she feels it should be tabled until Brandon Middleton finds out if the City can get material from Brazoria County. Mayor Matheny stated that this job needed to be moved quickly so that other jobs can be moved on.

-Council Member Gregory Norman mad a motion to table with the possibility of a special council meeting until Brandon Middleton hears back from Brazoria County on material
-2nd by Council Member Johnnie Tauber
-All Approved.

-No action was taken

STAFF/COUNCIL REPORTS:

- a. Police Department – Chief Christopher Enloe reported that they worked 567.5 hours; had a total of 65 traffic stops; they had 78 violations and 26 warnings; No criminal offenses; no ordinance offenses; they had 29 dispatched calls; 1 criminal offenses; 0 Miscellaneous offenses; 1 reports taken; 0 arrest; 3 suspicious person; 1 suspicious vehicles; 6 animal complaints; no Close patrol; assisted Brazoria County 3 times, Danbury EMS 1 time, Danbury Fire 0 time, and DPS 2 time; Assisted Citizens 0 time; and Assisted Motorists 2 time. They drove 2921.74 miles and used 292.68 gallons for a total amount of \$692.83 dollars in fuel
- b. Finance – City Secretary, Catherine Long reported the Auditors are still working on the audit. The CPA is coming in and they will reach out to the Auditors to get the audits completed so that the City is not penalized for not having one done.
- c. Fire Department/ESD – Noone was present.
- d. Town Hall Committee – President Catherine Long reported that the food pantry is needing donations, Town Hall has set the calendar.
- e. City Council – Nothing
- f. Water Department – Evan Kirpatrick stated that the water plant is doing fine and that they have 20 taps going in at a trailer park on CR 171, they have already done 6 installations of the 20 taps. And that the water plant had not major problems during the freeze, but that a few plugs in the building needed to be replaced.
- g. Emergency Management Coordinator – Emergency Manager, Brandon Middleton stated that everything was good. He also stated that he and Mayor Matheny will be attending classes.
- h. Court Clerk: Kim Calhoun stated that in the month of December, the total for the city is \$8330.96; State \$7441.08; Total Other \$120.96 for a total of \$15893.00.

ADJOURNMENT-

- Motion by Council Member Johnnie Tauber to adjourn the meeting @ 7:22 PM.
- 2nd by Council Member Marie Middleton
- All approved

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Matheny called the executive session to order at 7

CERTIFICATION

I, Lowell Matheny, Mayor, certify that these minutes are a true and correct record of the above-mentioned council meeting.



Lowell Matheny
Mayor

ATTEST:



Catherine Long
City Secretary